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President: Mr. SOMAVIA (Chile)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.45 a.m.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL AND CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS (continued)

Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (E/1993/L.7)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 16 members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme for a three-year term beginning on the first day of the organizational meeting of the Governing Council to be held in February 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following 18 countries were candidates: Botswana, Morocco and Sierra Leone for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of African States; upon the withdrawal of Indonesia and Lebanon, China, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Asian States; the Russian Federation for the vacancy to be filled by the Group of Eastern European States; Cuba, El Salvador, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America for the six vacancies to be filled by the Group of Western European and other States.

The PRESIDENT said that since the number of candidates from the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States corresponded to the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect those candidates by acclamation.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT said that, since there were more candidates from the Group of Latin American States and the Group of Western European and other States than there were vacancies, the Council would elect three members from the

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Latin American and Caribbean States and six members from the Western European and other States by secret ballot.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. D'Almeida (Togo) and Mr. Motsyk (Ukraine) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	53
Required majority:	27

Number of votes obtained:

Latin American and Caribbean States

Trinidad and Tobago	50
Cuba	44
Uruguay	36
El Salvador	23
Panama	1

Western European and other States

Japan	49
Italy	47
Denmark	46
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	46
Austria	40
United States of America	39
Ireland	38

Having obtained the required majority, and in the case of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the Group of Western European and other States the largest number of votes, Austria, Cuba, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay were elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme.

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1993/L.2)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect 10 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the Group of African States had endorsed Ghana and Burkina Faso for two vacancies. Upon the withdrawal of the Philippines, India, Indonesia and Lebanon were candidates for the three vacancies to be filled by the Group of Asian States. The Group of Eastern European States had endorsed Poland and Romania for two vacancies; the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed Suriname for one vacancy; and the Group of Western European and other States had endorsed Finland and Switzerland for two vacancies.

The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the list of candidates read out.

It was so decided.

Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (E/1993/L.8)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to elect seven members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programme for a three-year term beginning 1 August 1993.

Ms. STRUYVENBERG (Secretary of the Council) said that the following countries were candidates: the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya from Group A; Indonesia and Pakistan from Group B; El Salvador from Group C; and Belgium, Finland and Japan from Group D.

The PRESIDENT said that, since the number of candidates proposed was equal to the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the list of candidates read out.

It was so decided.

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL

The PRESIDENT said that the Bureau had held informal consultations in preparation for the Council's substantive session to be held in Geneva. As a result of those consultations, he stressed that the representation during the high-level segment should be at the ministerial level. The Bureau had also decided that the coordination segment of the forthcoming session would culminate

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in the issuing of agreed conclusions. Consultations would be held at Headquarters in preparation for the substantive session. Humanitarian assistance and malaria had been suggested as topics for the coordination segment. During the current period of transition, when the future structure of the Economic and Social Council remained unclear, the Bureau had also suggested that the Chairmen of the principal commissions of the Council should be invited to attend the summer session as observers.

Mr. FRIIS (Denmark), supported by Mr. DOGAN (United States of America), said he was concerned that the proposed consultations on the coordination segment might conflict with the session of the UNDP Governing Council.

Mr. ORLIANGE (France) said that the coordination segment was intended for the purpose of detecting problems and making recommendations. Potential problems could be identified in the context of the preparatory process, but recommendations should not be made before the session itself.

The meeting rose at 11.30 a.m.